

CHAMBERS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGAugust 10, 2015

The Chambers County Commission met on Monday, August 10, 2015, at 4:00 PM CST with the following members present: Commission Chairman, David Eastridge, Commissioners, Charlie Williams, Joe Blanks, Debbie Wood and Henry Osborne. County Engineer Josh Harvill, County Attorney McCoy and County Manager Regina Chambers were also present. Commissioner James Brown was absent.

Chairman Eastridge called the meeting to order. Commissioner Blanks led the pledge of allegiance and Commissioner Wood gave the invocation. Linda Anderson conducted a roll call to establish a quorum. District 1 – Present, District 2 – Absent, District 3 – Present, District 4 – Present, District 5 – Present, District 6 – Present; County Attorney McCoy - Present

PUBLIC COMMENTS
COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Wood recognized a realtor friend who was in the audience.

BUSINESS UPDATES

Barbara Andrews, Executive Director of the GVACC, gave an update on the Chamber activities (pages 410-411). She highlighted upcoming events and said that the Chamber would be getting a new website and also had new maps of the area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND WARRANTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Williams motioned to adopt the August 3, 2015, minutes and warrants payable and Commissioner Osborne seconded it. It was **approved** by the “T” vote.

RESOLVED: “To adopt the August 3, 2015, minutes and approve the warrants payable”

AGENDA APPROVAL AND AMENDED AGENDA ITEM

Attorney McCoy asked that the agenda be amended to include an item of business concerning a grant proposal for the Chambers County Agricultural Park as presented by Eddie Adams to the Rules, Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Wood motioned to amend the agenda, Commissioner Blanks seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the “T” vote.

RESOLVED: “To approve the amended agenda to include one item of business for a grant proposal for the Chambers County Agricultural Park.”

Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the agenda as presented for the August 10, 2015, meeting. Commissioner Blanks seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the “T” vote.

RESOLVED: “To approve the agenda for the August 10, 2015, meeting.”

NEW BUSINESS**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH ADEM
FINANCING WASTE DUMP CLEANUP ON CR 155**

County Engineer Harvill presented a resolution to execute the agreement between the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) and Chambers County covering the financing of the remediation of an unauthorized solid waste dump site found along County Road 155 in Welch - Chambers County Project No. 090514 (pages 412-416). Commissioner Blanks motioned for the resolution as presented and Commissioner Osborne seconded it. The vote was taken and was **approved** by the “T” vote.

RESOLVED: “To execute the agreement between the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) and Chambers County covering the financing of the remediation of an unauthorized solid waste dump site found along County Road 155 in Welch - Chambers County Project No. 090514.”

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT RESOLUTION FOR JOE E. CANON SUBDIVISION

County Engineer Harvill presented a resolution to approve the proposed plat of the Joe E. Canon Subdivision on County Road 388, dividing it into 2 parcels. Commissioner Blanks motioned for the resolution as presented and Commissioner Wood seconded it. The vote was taken and was **approved** by the “T” vote.

RESOLVED: “To approve the proposed plat of the Joe E. Canon Subdivision on County Road 388.”

CHIEF DEPUTY CARTER – ALCOHOLIC LICENSE APPLICATION

Chief Deputy Richard Carter presented an Alcoholic License Application for applicant, The Chattahoochee Humane Society Inc, trade name, Howl-O-Ween Fall Festival, 611 Boulevard Valley, Alabama 36854 (pages 417-421). Commissioner Blanks motioned for the resolution as presented and Commissioner Wood seconded it. Discussion followed, with Commissioner Osborne having several questions concerning the fact that this event would be held in a neighborhood and his safety concerns. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Williams, Blanks, Eastridge, and Wood voting “T” and Commissioner Osborne voting “No”. The motion was **approved**.

RESOLVED: “To approve the Alcoholic License Application for applicant, The Chattahoochee Humane Society Inc, trade name, Howl-O-Ween Fall Festival, 611 Boulevard Valley, Alabama 36854.”

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS – COMMISSION STAFF SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

Commissioner Williams presented an item of business coming from Committee to adjust Commission Office Staff salaries to reflect employees transitions effective July 1, 2015. The motion was **approved** by the “T” vote.

RESOLVED: “To adjust Commission Office Staff salaries to reflect employees transitions effective July 1, 2015.”

ATTORNEY MCCOY – CONTRACT FOR LARA MATTISON

Attorney McCoy presented a contract for Lara Mattison for preparing the county financials. The contract would be for the 2014 fiscal year, for \$7,500.00 with completion within 60 days (pages 422-424). Commissioner Wood motioned for the resolution, Commissioner Williams seconded it. The vote was taken and **approved** by the “**T**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To approve a contract for Lara Mattison to prepare the county financials for the 2014 fiscal year.”

ATTORNEY MCCOY – COUNTY FIRING RANGE PROPERTY

Attorney McCoy said the County Firing Range property was divided by County Road 92 with the range being totally constructed on the left side of the road. He said the Sheriff had asked that Attorney McCoy be allowed to approach the adjoining property owner of the parcel on the right side of CR 92 to see if they might interested in purchasing the property. Attorney McCoy stated that Judge Milford’s family had given the property to the County and he had discussed this with Judge Milford and they did not want the property back. He further stated that the land would have to be appraised if there was interest in a sale. McCoy asked for a motion to approach the adjoining land owners to see if there was interest in the property. Commissioner Williams motioned for the resolution, Commissioner Blanks seconded it. The vote was taken and **approved** by the “**T**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To allow Attorney McCoy to approach the adjoining land owners to see if there was interest in purchasing the property on the right side of CR92 across from the Firing Range.

ATTORNEY MCCOY – UPDATE ON KMIN USA, INC ABATEMENT

Attorney McCoy updated the Commission on proceedings with Kia supplier KMIN USA. The company was asked for employee audits in compliance with their abatement terms (pages 425-427) and the company has yet to provide them. They were given a deadline of August 19, 2015, which had not been met at meeting time. Attorney McCoy asked that if these figures were not forth coming, that the Commission call a special meeting toward end of the month for the purpose of looking at revoking the abatement for KMIN USA. No action was taken at this time.

ATTORNEY MCCOY – COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM

Attorney McCoy said that as a result of a Rules, Ways and Means Committee meeting, he was presenting a recommendation that he and County Manager Chambers proceed with investigating whether the Community Corrections Program would be beneficial for our County. He said that after gathering more information, they would present the Commission with more details and their recommendation. The vote was taken and **approved** by the “**T**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To allow Attorney McCoy and County Manager Chambers to proceed with investigating the Community Corrections Program and making a recommendation to the Commission.”

ATTORNEY MCCOY – JAIL CONTRACT WITH MUNICIPALITIES

Attorney McCoy stated that the process of gathering information to determine the amount to house city inmates was not complete, but that as soon as the Sheriff and Jail Administrator were finished, they would make a recommendation to the Commission.

ATTORNEY MCCOY – INCOME TAX INTERCEPT PROGRAM

Attorney McCoy deferred to Commissioner Wood to comment on this program since it was a bill passed during her term as ACCA President and as a result of a recent meeting with the Circuit Clerk. Commissioner Wood said this program would help the County recoup money from individuals who owed the County money and could be recovered through withholdings from income tax refunds. Success of program is dependent on correct information and other entities formed under the County could use this process as well. The deadline to opt in to this program is August 14, 2015. There would be no fees for the County. This was coming from Committee. The vote was taken and was **approved** by the “**T**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To opt in to the Income Tax Intercept Program.”

ATTORNEY MCCOY – CHAMBERS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Attorney McCoy stated Eddy Adams and Chris Busby had been working with the Extension Service on a grant to add a walking track, community garden and farmers market around the perimeter of the Chambers County Agricultural Park. This is a three year grant with \$16,000.00 available for the project the first year. Attorney McCoy asked for a motion to allow for the grant application and if the grant is secured, for the County to allow the improvements to be made at the park. Commissioner Osborne motioned for the resolution, Commissioner Blanks seconded it. The vote was taken and **approved** by the “**T**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To approve the grant application for improvements to the Chambers County Agricultural Park for the addition of improvements at the park, in the form of a walking track, community garden, and farmers market.”

COUNTY MANAGER CHAMBERS

County Manager Chambers reminded the Commissioners that there was a Rules, Ways, and Means Committee Meeting on the Budget scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2015, at 2:00 CST in the Commission Board Room.

Chairman Eastridge stated the next Commission Meeting would be Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

There was no further business. The meeting adjourned.

I have read the minutes and review the warrants payable. I do hereby **APPROVE** the minutes and warrants payable.

Chairman David Eastridge

Commissioner Charlie Williams

Commissioner Debbie Wood

Commissioner Joe Blanks

Commissioner Henry Osborne

Commissioner James Brown
